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DEPT PASS AFW/CWR, PHA/POP, AND CDC ATLANTA

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SUBJECT: CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES AND CDC SURVEY

REF: A) OUAGA 701, 4-8-74; B) OUAGA A-44, 10-17-74;

C) STATE 255592.

1. USE OF CONTRACEPTIVES IN VOLTAN SOCIETY IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ISSUE WHICH SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGES. CONCEPT OF INTRODUCING CONTRACEPTIVES THROUGH CDC OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION IS NOT RPTNOT FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME FOR REASONS STATED IN OUAGA 701 AND A-44. SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN PARA 1 DEPTTEL FOR DISTRIBUTION PILLS, LOOPS, CONDOMS, ETC., IS UNREALISTIC AND, IF FOLLOWED OUT, COULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON FUTURE SUCCESS CDC DISEASE AND DEMOGRAPHIC PROJECT, E.G., POSSIBLE EXPLUSION ENTIRE CDC TEAM.

2. BELIEVE SOME CONFUSION EXISTS OVER TERM, QUOTE FAMILY PLANNING, UNQUOTE AS USED BY MINHEALTH SAWADOGO. AS WE ATTEMPTED POINT OUT IN OUR A-44, FAMILY PLANNING HERE REFERS TO MOTHER-CHILD CARE AND TRADITIONAL NOTION OF CHILD SPACING. IT DOES NOT RPT NOT MEAN FERTILITY CONTROL OR LIMITATION OF BIRTHS. WE NOTED THAT THE MIN-

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ISTER AND KEY PERSONNEL AT MOH REMAIN PRONATALIST AND

FIRMLY OPPOSED TO INTRODUCTION CONTRACEPTIVES.
SAWADOGO IS CHIEFLY INTERESTED IN EDUCATION PROGRAM TO
DEMONSTRATE THAT CHILD SPACING (TWO YEARS BETWEEN BIRTHS)
IS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECTION OF BABY. THIS IS WHAT MIN-
ISTER HAS IN MIND WHEN HE SPEAKS OF FAMILY PLANNING,
NOT CONTRACEPTIVES.

3. ON FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA IS RECENT
GOUV APPROVAL OF VOLTAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL
FOR ESTABLISHMENT FAMILY PLANNING CENTER IN OUAGADOUGOU.
CENTER WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SUBJECTS RELATING TO
PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE FAMILY. ASSOCIATION
HAS CONTACTED IPPF LONDON FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE, AS IT HAS IN PAST, TO FOLLOW
POPULATION AFFAIRS VERY CLOSELY AND WILL REPORT ON ANY
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

5. ABOVE COMMENTS ARE NOT MEAN TO REFLECT UNFAVORABLY
ON DISEASE AND DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY. DDS PROJECT, AS IT
NOW EXISTS, IS WORTHWHILE ACTIVITY WHICH WILL PROVIDE
VALUABLE BASELINE VITAL DATA. CDC PROJECT OFFICERS HERE
HAVE DONE GOOD JOB IN GETTING SURVEY UNDERWAY.
GRAHAM

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CDC ATLANTA.

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